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GeoQ 04 – Which country do Australians come from?



Please note: This task is designed to be completed by hand with the aid of a world map.
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Data:

Australia's Top 26 Countries of Birth

Selected countries of birth	ERP^
Australia	16,334,902
UK, Channel Islands and Isle of Man	1,192,878
New Zealand	544,171
China (excludes SARs and Taiwan)**	379,776
India	340,604
Italy	216,303
Vietnam	210,803
Philippines	177,389
South Africa	155,692
Malaysia	135,607

Germany	128,558
Greece	127,195
Korea, Republic of (South)	100,255
Sri Lanka	92,243
Lebanon	90,395
Hong Kong (SAR of China)**	90,295
Netherlands	88,609
United States of America	83,996
Indonesia	73,527
Ireland	72,378
Croatia	68,319
Fiji	62,778
Singapore	58,903
Poland	58,447
Japan	52,111
Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia (FYROM)	49,704
Total Overseas-born	5,993,945
Total	22,328,847

** Special Administrative Region

Source: Migration, Australia, 2009-10. (ABS cat. no. 3412.0)

^ERP: Estimated Resident Population refers to all people, regardless of nationality, citizenship or legal status, who usually live in Australia, with the exception of foreign diplomatic personnel and their families. It is the official measure of the population of Australia.

Task:

1. Australia is a multi-cultural country. In your own words explain what this term means.

2. On a map of the world locate and shade the top 26 countries.

3. Use your map to name a country or countries

- furthest from Australia
- on the Equator
- on Longitude 0°
- in Africa

- in Europe (two examples)
- in Asia (two examples)
- bordering the Pacific Ocean (two examples)
- bordering the Indian Ocean (two examples)
- islands (four examples)

Extension:

Select ONE of the countries listed and find answers to the following:

- Population of the country
- Name of the capital city
- Colours on the flag
- A popular dish from the country
- The national flower
- A famous monument or place in the country
- A famous person
- The national sport
- A famous sportsperson
- A film star, author or musician from the country

Create a question for each of the pieces of information and feed these into a class quiz about the countries that have helped make Australia a multi-cultural country.

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